



# THE WHISTLE STOP

JULY 2013



## NEW LAW: CHICKENS AND GOATS

The Town Board of Aldermen has passed new regulations allowing chickens and goats on residential properties with the following provisions:

### CHICKENS

✓ **A maximum of four (4) domestic chicken hens shall be allowed for each single family lot.**



✓ No chickens shall be allowed in multi-family complexes, including duplexes.  
✓ **Roosters are not permitted.** There shall be no outside slaughtering of chickens.

✓ All chickens must be kept in a secure enclosure (a "coop") during non-daylight hours.

✓ During daylight hours, chickens may be located in a chicken pen or in a securely fenced backyard.

✓ Chicken coops must be **situated at least ten feet from all property lines** and the coop and chickens must at all times be located in the backyard of the residence.

✓ Chicken **coops must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times**, and must be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent offensive odors.

✓ No permit required.

### GOATS

✓ **A maximum of one (1) goat shall be allowed on residential properties one (1) acre or greater with an adequate fence and shelter provided. The property must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.**



✓ Goats shall be **a kept a minimum of 150 feet** from any town street, residence, or business (except the dwelling of the owner of such animals).

✓ There shall be no outside slaughtering of goats.

✓ No permit required for goats meeting the stipulations above; however, a temporary use permit is required for ground clearing and nuisance plant removal by live stock.

## GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR TOWN!

A great way to be part of our community is to serve on a Town advisory board or committee. Applications are accepted year round and may be downloaded from the Town's website or picked up at Town Hall. No experience is necessary for most positions – just a willingness to learn about municipal services and an interest in serving the residents of Troutman.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

#### Planning and Zoning Board

Reviews and recommends plans for new neighborhoods, text changes for zoning and subdivision laws, property rezonings, and short and long term land use plans.

#### Board of Adjustment

Hears and decides on cases that range from granting specific variances from adopted rules to approving unique, special uses.

#### Parks & Recreation Committee

Recommends and develops parks, greenway systems, and recreational programs to benefit the citizens of Troutman.

#### Miscellaneous & Special Events

Help with community events that might include activities that support Troutman-ESC Park, land planning, citizen surveys downtown promotions, etc.

## FOOD DRIVE

Residents are encouraged to drop off at Town Hall food items to be donated to

local food pantries and the donations will be matched pound for pound by Toter, Inc.! In partnership with United Way of Iredell County, Toter, Inc. will provide a bright green toter in the lobby of Town Hall for ease in making donations and double the donations. Troutman Community Food Services is one of several food pantries benefiting from this effort.



## TROUTMAN BOARD OF ALDERMEN ELECTIONS

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Troutman residents will elect three residents to the five-member Town Board. A mayoral election will not be held until 2015.

### Want to Run?

- ♦ File for candidacy at Iredell County Board of Elections at 203 Stockton Street, Statesville, NC, 28677 or contact their office for more information at 704-878-3140.
- ♦ Filing period begins July 5<sup>th</sup> at noon; ends July 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- ♦ Filing fee: \$5.00.
- ♦ Candidates must be at least 21 years old, registered and eligible to vote in Troutman elections, and a Troutman resident at the time of filing.



## PARK UPDATE

As the first phase of Troutman ESC Park construction winds down, we'd

like to know what amenities to focus on next (completion of the soccer field, a picnic pavilion with restrooms, and a dog park are included in phase 1). Results will be used to develop plans for future phases and for seeking additional grant funds. Please return this short survey to Town Hall or email to [emartin@townoftroutman.org](mailto:emartin@townoftroutman.org). Thank you for your time.

### What **three** amenities would you most like to see as part of Phase 2?

- ☐ Amphitheatre
- ☐ Basketball Court
- ☐ Disk/Frisbee Golf
- ☐ Exercise stations on the walking trail
- ☐ Horse Shoe Pits
- ☐ Playground climbing equipment
- ☐ Softball/Baseball fields
- ☐ Splashpad/Sprayground
- ☐ Tennis Court
- ☐ Volleyball Court
- ☐ Walking Track around soccer field
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Business owners and representatives are invited to attend a forum on health care reform to be held at Mitchell Community College Workforce Development Center Auditorium, 701 West Front Street, Statesville on July 18, 2013, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

Melissa Speck, Senior Strategic Advisor at Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC will share information and terminology necessary for implementing of the Affordable Care Act. Seating is limited. Reservations online at [www.statesvillechamber.org](http://www.statesvillechamber.org). Pre-register to win a free iPad.

Event is sponsored by Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce and the Iredell Health Forum. Cost is \$10 for Chamber members; \$15 for non-members.

## ONLINE BILL PAY



Utility statements and account history can be viewed using this system, even if you do not pay your bill online. A PIN is needed to access your account and is available on your billing statement. You may also contact Town Hall to obtain your PIN. A \$3.00 convenience fee begins July 2, 2013 for online bill payments.

## TOWN OF TROUTMAN MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN

### Mayor

Elbert H. Richardson

### Board of Aldermen

J.T. Jablonski Jason Major  
Curt Rogers Betty Jean Troutman  
Mike Spath, Mayor Pro-Tem

## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Agenda Briefing for Town Board Meeting | Mon. July 8<br>4:30 pm     |
| Technical Review Committee             | Thurs. July 11<br>10:00 am |
| Town Board Meeting                     | Thurs. July 11<br>7:00 pm  |
| Land Use Committee                     | Tues., July 19<br>7:00 pm  |
| Parks & Rec. Meeting                   | Mon. July 22<br>4:00 pm    |
| Planning & Zoning Board                | Tues. July 23<br>7:00 pm   |

*\*All Town meetings are open to the public and are held at Town Hall in the Boardroom unless noted otherwise.*

## EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNIZED

Troutman Board of Aldermen recently recognized Eagle Scout Patrick C. Hoover, BSA Troop 363, for constructing a drinking fountain to serve both people and pets. The fountain is located next to the Depot and was built with brick from a cotton gin that operated in Troutman off of Wagner Street in the late 1800s. The fountain is ADA handicap accessible and provides a cooling oasis for pedestrians traversing the Richardson Greenway.



## TROUTMAN DEPOT FARMERS MARKET



The Farmers Market is open **every Thursday from 3:30pm-6:30pm** through September 26<sup>th</sup> at the downtown depot, 137 South Main Street.

## IT'S THE LAW:

### No Grass Clippings in Street

Grass clippings in the street or sidewalk violate Troutman town ordinances that strive to protect our streams and prevent flooding. To avoid civil penalties and be a good steward of our natural resources please keep your road and sidewalk free of grass and debris.



## CYCLE NORTH CAROLINA COMES TO TROUTMAN

**Restaurants get ready!** The Town is pleased to announce that over 1,000 cyclists will be stopping in Troutman the night of **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** in search of food and fun. The cyclists will be participating in the 15<sup>th</sup> Mountains to the Coast bicycle tour of North Carolina, September 28<sup>th</sup>- October 5<sup>th</sup>. The Town is seeking volunteers to assist with fun, food, and fundraising. If you are interested in helping please contact Town Hall at 704-528-7600 or e-mail [emartin@townoftroutman.org](mailto:emartin@townoftroutman.org). For information on participating in CNC visit their website at [www.cyclenorthcarolina.org](http://www.cyclenorthcarolina.org).



## RECYCLING INFORMATION



Benfield Sanitation collects recycling on **Wednesdays** from town residences. Your pickup day is based on your garbage pickup day. If you

have questions, please contact Town Hall at (704) 528-7600.

### Green Week

(If your Garbage Day is Tuesday or Thursday)

### Blue Week

(If your Garbage Day is Monday or Wednesday)

June 26

July 3

July 10

July 17

July 24

July 31

August 7

August 14

## LEAF AND LIMB COLLECTION GUIDELINES

The **2013-2014** fiscal year leaf & limb schedule is available on our website and at Town Hall.

Take leaves and limbs to the curb in front of your house the day before the first collection day. If they are not out before the crew comes through, they will not be picked up.

Put leaves and limbs in separate piles.

Only limbs under **4"** inches in diameter will be collected.

Limbs will not be picked up if they have been cut by professional cutters or trimmers.

**DO NOT** put leaves or limbs in bags.

## LEAF & LIMB SCHEDULE

### JULY 2013

Leaf Collection — No Collection  
Limb Collection — 8 & 9

### AUGUST 2013

Leaf Collection — No Collection  
Limb Collection — 5 & 6

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